

in proportion as their principle enters more or less into their composition; and that a government by representation is capable of extension over a greater surface of country than one of any other form. These, my friend, are the essentials in which you and I agree; however, in our zeal for their maintenance, we may be perplexed and divaricate, as to the structure of society most likely to secure them. (To Dupont de Nemours, 1816. C. VI., 591.)

GRAND JURIES.—Grand juries are the Constitutional inquisitors and informers of the country; they are scattered everywhere, see everything, see it while they suppose themselves mere private persons, and not with the prejudiced eye of a permanent and systematic spy. Their information is on oath, is public, it is in the vicinage of the party charged, and can be at once refuted. These officers, taken only occasionally from among the people, are familiar to them, the office respected and the experience of centuries has shewn that it is safely intrusted with our character, property and liberty. (From an opinion submitted to the Attorney-General, 1793. F. VI., 245.)

GREAT BRITAIN.—The spirit in which she [Britain] wages war, does not seem the legitimate offspring either of science or civilization. The sun of her glory is fast descending to the horizon. Her philosophy has crossed the channel, her freedom the Atlantic, and herself seems passing to that awful dissolution whose issue is not given human foresight to scan. (From "Notes on Virginia," 1782. F. III., 170.)

GRIEF.—I have often wondered for what good end the sensation of grief could be intended. All other passions, within proper bounds, have a useful object. And the perfection of the moral character is, not in a stoical apathy, so hypocritically vaunted, and so truly too, because impossible, but in a just equilibrium of all the passions. I wish the pathologist then would tell us what is the use of grief in the economy, and of what good it is the cause, proximate or remote. (To John Adams, 1816. C. VI., 575.)

HABEAS CORPUS.—The benefits of the writ of Habeas Corpus shall be extended, by the Legislature, to every person within